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## REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, claim 15 has been amended, and claims 16-25 have been newly added, thereby leaving claims 15-25 for consideration upon entering the present amendment. Support for the amendments to claim 15 can be found in the originally filed claim 15 and in the specification at page 5, lines 19-22. Support for claims 16-25 is found throughout the specification as filed.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants herein elect to prosecute the claim of Group IIA (claim 15).

Applicants believe that the foregoing election and amendments fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims presented herein are allowable to Applicants. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned. If any costs are incurred with respect to this amendment, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

15. (amended twice/marked up) ~~Absorber produced by the method of claim 1A~~  
neutron absorption device, comprising:

an inorganic base material; and, thereon;

a layer disposed at said inorganic base material, said layer being composed of an  
element with having a high neutron capture cross-section of more than 20% by volume  
and an electrolytically or autocatalytically-precipitable metallic element; said layer  
containing an element with a high neutron capture cross-section at more than 20% by  
volume.